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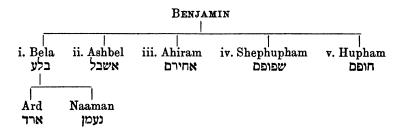
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THE GENEALOGIES OF BENJAMIN

(Num. xxvi. 38-40, 1 Chron. vii. 6 ff., viii. 1 ff.).

1. The Genealogy in Numbers and Genesis.—Num. xxvi. 38-40 gives the following genealogy of Benjamin.



In Gen. xlvi. 21 the list is somewhat fuller and differently arranged. In the fuller text of the LXX it stands thus:—



2. The Genealogy in I Chron. vii. 6 ff.—A very divergent list is to be found in I Chron. vii. 6 ff. It agrees with the list just given in ascribing to Benjamin only three sons, and deriving from these the individual branches. The last of the three, however, is not Ashbel (better Ishbēl = Ishba'al, "Man of Baal"), but Jediael (סריעאל), which is therefore apparently a kind of translation of Ishbēl in which is sub-

stituted for the divine name Baal, one that was less objectionable 1. The verbal adjective yith does not occur in the Old Testament, but must have meant "intimate friend." Jediael accordingly is practically equivalent to the Arabic $halit^u$ l- $l\bar{a}h^i$, the common designation of Abraham.

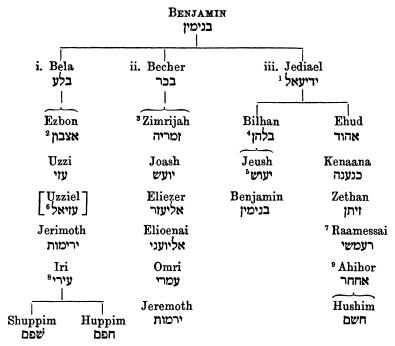
The text reads in general smoothly. In verse 10 the words, "and the sons of Bilhan; Jeish and Benjamin" (ובני בלהן יעיש ובנימן), are to be taken as a parenthesis. The names that follow are still sons of Jediael. Verse 12 is a kind of appendix: "Shuppim" and "Huppim" are here sons of Ir (עורי ; in ver. 7 עירי, ש סעף פּנּ), the youngest son of Bela. The next words, חשם בני אחר, EV "Hushim, the sons of Aher," are corrupt. There can be no doubt that Hushim in turn is to be assigned to the youngest son of Jediael, whose name in ver. 10 is given as Ahishahar. We may conjecture, however, that Ahishahar (אחישחר) is a modification of Ahihor (אחיחר, "my brother is Horus") made for the purpose of eliminating the name of the foreign god. We should therefore read "Hushim, son of Ahihor" (חשם בן אחהר). Thus we can easily account for the meaningless "Aher" in ver. 12 (אחחר for אחר)2. It should be noted also that the remarkable name Tarshish (תרשיש) in ver. 10 becomes in ש Paµεσσαι—i. e. רעמשי for תרשיש written in middle Aramaic characters), a thoroughly Egyptian name. Besides some post-exilic names of persons (Uzzi, עזי; Eliezer, אליעזר; Elioenai, אליועני; and the enigmatical "Jeremoth," ירמות), the list of "sons" contains two names of places: Anathoth, עלמת, and Alemeth, עלמת (1 Chron. vi. 45): but the text is probably corrupt: for "and Jeremoth and Abiah 3, and Anathoth and Alamoth," read, "And Jarmuth (he built Anathoth and Alemeth, or he was the father of Anathoth and Alemeth)" 4. The whole list, I Chron. vii. 6-12, will therefore stand as on opposite page.

¹ Compare "Jehiel, son of" (ידיאל בן הכמוני), I Chron. xxvii. 32, with the parallel "Ishbaal of Beth Camon" (משנעל בַּח הכמק), 2 Sam. xxiii. 8: for the emendation see the present writer's Fundamente israelitischer u. jüdischer Geschichte, p. 15 f.), where Jehiel (ידיאל) is a translation of Ishbaal (ישנעל read as ישנעל).

² \mathfrak{G}^{B} has καὶ Σαπφειν καὶ Απφειν καὶ υἰοὶ Ραωμ (\mathfrak{G}^{A} Ωρα. Ασοβ) υἰὸς αὐτοῦ Αερ (\mathfrak{G}^{A} Αορ), i. e. υἰοὶ [Ω]ρ[α]. Α[σ]ωμ.

³ \mathfrak{G}^{B} $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ נסעס, \mathfrak{G}^{A} $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ נסע = ואביהו.

יירמות ואביה for וירמות הוא אבי ענתות ועלמת or וירמות הוא בנה את ענתות ועלמות וירמות ואביה for וענתות ועלמות.



3. The genealogy in I Chron. viii. I-40.—Greater importance attaches to the list in I Chron. viii. This has been treated already by H. W. Hogg ¹⁰ in so admirable a manner that I can for the most part adopt his results in their entirety. Of the greatest importance is his acute discovery that verses 30-40 ¹¹, contain the genealogy of the b'nē Becher, the Benjamite clan to which, as the present writer had sought to show ¹², Saul belonged. Hogg maintains with justice against an assertion of Eduard Meyer's, that this passage, which

¹ See note 1, p. 344.

² Compare the name of one of the "Judges," Ibzan, אנבן (\mathfrak{G}^L Εσεβων), of Bethlehem (Judges xii. 8, 10).

³ MT ומירה. Compare the south Arabian גאלט גבש, and the Canaanite Zimrīda (Tell Amarna tablets) - זמרירע.

^{&#}x27; Identical with the Horite clan Bilhan (Gen. xxxvi. 27).

⁵ Compare the Edomite clan in Gen. xxxvi. 5, 14, 18.

⁶ A variant of the preceding name.

⁷ א Paμεσσαι, MT שישים (and so א Θαρσεις).

^{*} \mathfrak{G}^{BA} Our $[\epsilon]\iota$ (\mathfrak{G}^{L} Our as) = 'wr; in ver. 12 for Ir, w, \mathfrak{G}^{A} has Ω ra (\mathfrak{G}^{B} Paw μ , \mathfrak{G}^{L} I ϵ raphour = 'nc. Compare the Judahite, Er, w (Gen. xxxviii. 3, 6 f., xlvi. 12; Num. xxvi. 19; 1 Chron. ii. 3, iv. 21).

⁹ MT אחישחר.

¹⁰ J. Q. R., vol. XI, 102-114.

¹¹ According to Hogg, 30-38.

¹² Fund. isr. u. jüd. Gesch., 14.

recurs in ix. 36-44, is in its proper place in chap. viii; only, verses 28 and 29 have been imported from ix. 34, 35. The present position of verses 30-40 in chap. 8, however, is probably not original. Becher is, according to Gen. xlvi. 21, 1 Chron. vii. 6, and the original text of I Chron. viii. I, the second son of Benjamin. Accordingly we should look for his descendants immediately after the sons of Bela enumerated in verses 3 and 5 (see below), and there is where they probably in fact originally stood. Thence they were inserted in chap. ix (36 ff.), the last two verses (viii. 39, 40) being omitted by a mistake. Hogg has allowed himself to be misled by an assertion of Eduard Meyer's (that verse 39 is the direct continuation of verse 27) into disconnecting verses 39 and 40 from the genealogy of Saul, and finds in the "sons of Eshek" (עשק), by a hazardous conjecture, the descendants of Shua (שוע), a son of Gera, whose name he happily restores in verse 4. The LXX⁹, however, shows that Shua is an inferior reading for Shema (שמע for שמע), which is identical with "Shimei, son of Gera" (שמעי בן גרא) in 2 Sam. xvi. 5 ff., xix. 17 ff., 1 Kings ii. 36 ff., who would scarcely be still directly represented in post-exilic It is therefore quite accidental that verses 39 and 40 are not repeated with the rest in chap. ix. The whole passage viii. 30-40 was later transferred to the end of the chapter (viii) on account of its length, verses 28 and 29 being inserted from chap. ix.

To convey a clearer idea of the structure of the chapter, we give an attempted restoration of it based on Hogg's work. Its simplicity is in its favour. We shall give, A the English, B the Hebrew, C Notes on the Text.

A.

I And Benjamin begat Bela, Becher, and Ishbel, and Ahiram, 2 and Naamah, and Gera. 3 And Bela had sons: Addar 5 and Shephuphan and Hupham.

30 And the sons of Becher: [Abdon and] Zur and Baal and Ner and Kish 31 [and Gedor] and his brothers Zechariah and Mikloth. 32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. 33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan (and Malchi-shua and Abinadab and Ishbaal). 34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribaal, and Meribaal begat Micah. 35 And the sons of Micah were Pithon and Melek and Tahrea and Ahaz. 36 And Ahaz begat Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah begat Alemeth and Azmaveth and Zimri. And Zimri begat Mozah. 37 And Mozah begat Baana: Raphaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Ezel his son. 38 And Ezel had six sons, and these are their names: Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Ezel. 39 And the

^{&#}x27; Die Entstehung des Judentums, 161, n. 2. ² 🔞 Αβεισαμας (᠖AL Αβισουε).

sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty.

3^b And Gera was the father of Ehud and the father of Shimei. 6 And these are the sons of Ehud; these are heads of clans of the inhabitants of Geba and Jiglom unto Manahath (?). 7^b And he begat Uzza and Ahihor. 8 And Ahihor begat in the plateau of Moab of his concubine, whose name was Baara, Hushim. 9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife Jobab and Zibia and Mesha, and Milcom and Jeuz and Sachiah and Mirmah. These are his sons, heads of their clans.

11 And Hushim begat Abitub and Elpaal 13 and Beriah and Shimei—these were heads of clans of the inhabitants of Aijalon; they put to flight the inhabitants of Gath—and their brothers (were) Shishak and Jeremoth.

12, 17, 18 And the sons of ELPAAL: Eber, and Meshullam and Hizki [and Heber] and Jishmerai, (he built Ono and Lud and its daughters). And Jigaliah and Jobab, 15 and Zebadiah and Arad [and Eder], 16 and Michael and Ishpah and Joha (were) the sons of Beriah.

19 And Jakim and Zichri [and Zabdi] 20 and Elioenai and Zillethai and Eliel 21 and Adaiah and Beraiah and Shimrath, the sons of Shimel.

22 And Ishpan and Ebed and Eliel 23 and Abdon and Zichri and Hanan 24 [and Hananiah] and Elam and Anthothijah (?) 25 and Iphdeiah and Peniel, the sons of Shashak.

26 And Jishmerai, and Shehariah and Athaliah 27 and Jaareshiah and Elijah and Zichri, the sons of Jeremoth.

40b All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

В.

ובנימן הוליד את בלע בכר ואשבֵּלוּ ואחָרָם 2 (2) ונעמה 3 וגראי וגראי ובנימן הייו בנים לבלע אדר 3 (5) ושפופן וחופס (30) ובני בכר (30) ובני בכר (31) (31) [וגדור] 9 ואָחָיו זכריה וווועדר וועדון וועדר ובעל וגר וּלִיד את שמאה (32) (33) וגרור] וועדר את מקלות (32) ומקלות הוליד את שמאה וועדר את הוליד את הוליד את הוליד את הוליד את הוליד את אבינדב ואת אשבעל: (34) ובן יהונתן מריבעל ומריבעל הוליד את מיכה 11 (35) ובני מיכה פיתון 11 ומלך 11 ותחבֶע 11 ואחז וואר את יהועדה הוליד את עלמת (36) ואת זמרי וומרי הוליד את מוצא 12 : (37) ומוצא הוליד את הוליד את מוצא 12 : (37) ומוצא הוליד את

- ²⁵ בענא ²⁶ רפאיה ²⁶ בנו אלעשה בנו אצל בנו: (38) ולאצל ששה ²⁶ בנים ואלה שמותם עזריקם בכרו וישמעאל ושעריה ועבדיה וחנן כל 39 אלה בני אצל: (39) ובני עשק ²⁶ אחיו אולם ²⁷ בכרו יעוש ²⁶ השני 40 ואליפלט השלשי: (40) ויהיו בני אולם אנשים גבורי חיל דרכי קשת ומרבים בנים ובני בנים מאה וחמשים:
- 30 (3b) וגרא הוא אבי אהוד 92 ואבי שמעי 93 : (6) ואלה בני אהוד 10 אלה הם ראשי אבות ליושבי גבע ויגלום 28 אל מנחת 16 : (7b) והוליד את עזאי ואת אחיחר 36 : (8) ואחיחר 36 הוליד בשרה מואב מן 9 פלגשו ושמה בערא את חושים 16 : (9) ויולד מן חדש אשתו את יובב ואת צביא ואת מישא 38 ואת מלכם ואת יעוץ 92 ואת שכיה ואת מרמה אלה בניו ראשי אבותם:
- 11 וחשים 14 הוליד את אביטוב ואת אלפעל (13) וברעה ושמעי (13) המה המה ראשי האבות ליושבי אילון 14 המה הבריחו את יושבי גת (14) ואחיהם ששק 14 וירמות:
- בי אלפעל עבר 45 ומשלם 46 וחזקי 14 (12 + 17, 18) ובני אלפעל עבר 45 ומשלם 46 וחזקי 14 (12 + 17, 18) וובני אלפעל עבר 45 ובנותיה: יְיִנְאֲלְיָה 50 ווובני 15 וושמרי 16 וובריה וערד [וערר] 50 (16) ומיכאל וישפה 50 ווחא 54 בני בייעה:
- 19 ייקים ווכרי (20) ייקים ווכרי (19) וואליועני וצלתי וואליאל (20) וויקים ווכרי (19) וויקים ווכרי (21) וויקים ווערר (21) וויקים ווערה (21) וויקים ווערתיה (19) וויקיאל (21) ווערתיה (19) ווערתיה (23) וויקריה וויקיאל בני ששק:
- 192 אליה וזכרי (27) וישמרי⁶¹ ושחריה (27) ויערשיה (26) ואליה וזכרי (26) בני ירמות (31) :
 - :כל אלה מבני בנימן (40b) 40b

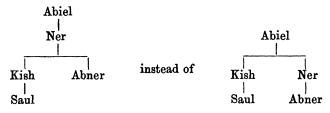
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י אַד בֿלרוֹ אַשְּבֵּל; \mathfrak{G}^B באמא = אבאמא. MT adds השני (see Hogg, J.~Q.~R.,~XI,~109 with note 4).

² So Hogg, § 8; MT ואחרוו. (שׁ^B Iaφaηλ = Iaχaηλ—i. e. אחאל, where או has taken the place of an objectionable divine name (חר רֵע ?). Gen. xlvi. 21 אחירם 31; Num. xxvi. 38 אחירם. MT adds השלישי.

 3 So Hogg, § 8; MT הֹחָה, = נעמה = נעמה = נימה = מעכה ; פּף 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימעה 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימען 3 נימעם 3 נימעה 3 usual adds יהרביעי.

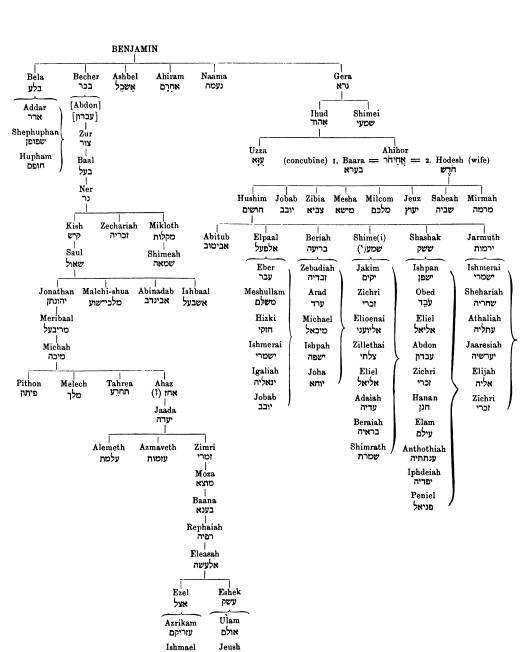
- ל MT אפא (\d) for או (\d 4) (Hogg, \S 8). MT adds החמישי (cp. 1). The corrupt group ונוחה ורפא was emended on the margin thus: אונא (אויה) ונרא (אויה), which made its way into the text in vers. 4, 5 and again, as ונעמן ואחיה וגרא, in ver. 7 (cp. Hogg, \S 8). Here the divine name עו is displaced by הי.
 - ⁵ ֍^B ΑΛΕΙ=ΑΔΕΙ[Ρ], אדר ; ֍^Δ Αρεδ.
 - 6 𝔞^B Pωφαρφακ, 𝔞^A Σουφαν, 𝔞^L Pεπφαμ = DD𝔞.
- י So Hogg, § 8; MT חורם, \mathfrak{G}^{L} A $\rho ova\mu =$ חרום, \mathfrak{G}^{B} $\Omega \iota \mu =$ חורם; Num. xxvi. 39 חופם, Gen. xlvi. 21 מפים.
- ⁸ So Hogg, § 11; MT ובנו הבכור. (Verses 30–38 are repeated in ix. 36–44.) Before these words are inserted from ix. 34 f. the following sentences: אלה ראשי אבות לתלרותם ראשים אלה ישבו בירושלם: (ix. 34 adds ושם אשתו מעכה:
- י עברון is probably only a variant of צרוד, I Sam. ix. I צרוד, LXX so also גרוד (\mathfrak{G}^B here Δoup , in ix. 37 Iedoup—i.e. Γ edoup), which has made its way into the text at ver. 31.



¹¹ viii. 31 MT חבר, ΘΒ καὶ Ζαχουρ, ΘL καὶ Ζεχρι.

¹² MT omits מקלות in ver. 31. There is a מקלות among David's heroes (1 Chron. xxvii. 4).

- יים In ix. 38 MT has שמאם, א ב μ Ξ μ aa. MT adds אחיהם ואף המה נגר אחיהם עם בירושלם עם היהם.
 - ¹⁴ 2 Sam. ix. 12 has מִיכָא.
 - ¹⁵ \mathfrak{G}^{L} $\Phi \iota \theta \omega \theta$, = Pa³-n-Dhwt, "he of Thoth."
 - ¹⁶ \mathfrak{G}^{L} Μελχιηλ, \mathfrak{G}^{B} μελχηλ, μαλαχι, \mathfrak{G}^{A} μαλωθ, μαλωχ.
- יייתות, and פיתות) are plainly Egyptian names; compare ירחע (read יחתע ?), an Egyptian slave (ו Chron.ii. 34).
- ¹⁸ \textcircled{S}^B Zak, ix. 42 A $\chi a\zeta$, \textcircled{S}^A Xaa ζ , \textcircled{S}^L A $\zeta a\zeta$. These various forms must conceal a non-Hebraic name.
 - יערה 19 6 18 18 18 19
 - ²⁰ \mathfrak{G}^{B} $\Sigma a \lambda a \iota \mu a \theta = \Gamma a \lambda \epsilon \mu a \theta$, ix. 42 $\Gamma a \mu \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta = \Gamma a \lambda \epsilon \mu \epsilon \theta$, \mathfrak{G}^{L} $A \lambda \epsilon \phi$.
 - ²¹ \mathfrak{G}^{B} $\Sigma a \lambda \mu \omega$, ix. 42 $\Gamma a \zeta a \omega \theta$.
- 22 & Maioa, Maooa.
- ²³ (א^B Bava, Baava, (א^A Baava, Bava, (א^L Baava, MT בנעא.
- ²⁴ viii. אַר פור פור א^B Paφaι.
- ²⁵ Only five are mentioned. It would seem that the sixth should be Eshek, in which case we should read, in ver. 39, אַחִיהֶם "their brother," instead of אווי "his brother."
- Σ^{B} ASHA = ASHX = Σ^{B} , of the form $fa'il^{un}$ from an intransitive stem Σ^{B} , "be oppressed."
 - ²⁷ ⑤^B Αιλαμ, Αιλειμ, perhaps better].
 - ²⁸ \mathfrak{G}^{B} καὶ ΓΑΓ (read ΓΑΣ) = $\mathfrak{V}\mathfrak{V}$ 1.
- 29 MT אביהוד; cp. Ed. Meyer, Entstehung des Judentums, 161, n. 2; Hogg, § 8, end. The true pronunciation of the name אהוד in Judges iii. 15 ff. (૭ Αωδ) is אָהוּד, an abbreviation of אִינֶבֶל; cp. אִינֶבֶל; cp. אִינֶבֶל; cp. אינָבֶּוּר (see Marquart, Fundamente israelitischer u. jüdischer Geschichte, 24).
- ³⁰ \mathfrak{G}^B אמי בן גרא אבישוע. The reference is to שמעי בן גרא (2 Sam. xvi. 5).
 - ⁸¹ MT אחוד.
- יגלם (read יגלם with & IFAAM
 —i. e. Ιγλαμ), which has made its way into ver. 7. יגלם a place-name otherwise unknown (Hogg, § 4), perhaps , I Sam. xxv. 44, Is. x. 30?
- ³⁸ או מנחת The text is in disorder. In מרחת there is hidden an unknown place-name.
 - 84 &B NAANA (the first N is due to dittography) from AAZA.
- ³⁵ MT אחיחר, & Iaχειχωλ = Iaχειχωδ, & Ova. We have here a name compounded with the Egyptian divine name in, Horus.
- ³⁶ MT שחרים. Over אין was written the correction שוא with the abbreviation ש, which indicated that here an emendation was to be made, therefore אחישחר (cp. vii. 10).
- 87 Conjectural. MT has מן שלחו אתם חושים ואת בערא נשיו; \mathfrak{G}^{B} μετὰ τὸ ἀποστείλαι αὐτὸν Σωσιν (read αὐτοὺς ωσεν) καὶ τὴν Ιβααδα γυναίκα



יעוש

Eliphelet

אליפלט

ישמעאל

Sheariah

שעריה Obadiah עבדית Nathan נתן 38 Probably a later form of the Moabite מישע (2 Kings iii. 4), properly אשט, \mathfrak{G} M $\omega \sigma a$. In favour of this is the immediately following Ammonite name אמלכם, \mathfrak{G}^{L} M $\epsilon \lambda \chi o \mu$.

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<sup>39</sup> \S^B I \Lambda \Omega \Sigma = I \Lambda \Omega \Sigma, \S^L I \omega as.
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⁴¹ Conjectural (so Hogg, § 2). MT אבות: ומחשים.

⁴² MT רשמע; cp. ver. 21.

- ⁴⁴ MT ששל, \mathfrak{G}^B καὶ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ Σωκηλ (\mathfrak{G}^A Σωσηκ), \mathfrak{G}^L καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτῶν Σισαχ. ששל (Syr. عمد) and presumably also ירכוות are Egyptian names. Compare the land of Yarimuta in the Amarna letters.
- ⁴⁵ 🔞 Ωβηδ. Ver. 17 זבריה, probably under the influence of ver. 15. Moreover, עבר is probably a gloss, = עבר.
 - 46 Ver. 12 שעם, אוב ver. 17 Μεσομμα = סשמט. 47 Only in ver. 17.
- 48 So MT in ver. $_{18}=$ יִּשְׁמֵרְיָ; 68 Σαμαρει. In ver. $_{12}$ MT שמר (Baer), 68 Σημηρ, 61 Σαμαιηλ.
 - ⁴⁹ (\$B την Ωναν. ⁵⁰ Conjectural; MT יוליאה, (\$B Ζαρεια.
 - 51 These two names only in ver. 18.
 - ⁵² A variant of ¬¬ν. (Θ^B Ωρηρ καὶ Ωδηδ. (Θ^B Σαφαν.
 - 54 (BB Ιωχαν, (BL Ιεζια, (BA Ιωαχα καὶ Ιεζια. 55 Variant of).
- ⁵⁶ Θ Aβια; Θ adds Βεριγα, probably for Βερεια, therefore a dittogram of Βαραια.
 - ⁵⁷ 🕲 Σαμαρει.

58 So &; MT שמע.

- ⁵⁹ Variant of אות. \mathfrak{G}^{B} adds אמל $A\mu\beta\rho\epsilon\iota$ ועמרי.
- 60 \mathfrak{G}^{B} Ανωθαίθ καὶ Αθείν. That is Ανωθαθί. Some reader wanted Ανωθαθεία ענחתיה.
- - ⁶² (§BL Σαραια = היחיה.
 - 68 🚱 καὶ Ιασαραια (=ויעשריה); adds καὶ Σαραια (dittography).
 - 64 MT ירחם.

The genealogy is therefore as shown in the accompanying table.

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